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## Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Preliminary Results to be Discussed

Public meeting set for Feb. 7 at Eastland Mall center court

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** – The City of Evansville, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization will hold a public meeting to review preliminary recommendations from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. The Public Meeting will be held:

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Eastland Mall (near Dillard's between Fred Meyer Jewelers and Helzberg Diamonds) 800 N. Green River Rd. Evansville, Indiana 47715

Brief presentations will be given at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. The public is welcome to drop by at any time to speak with the study team, discuss the plan and provide feedback. Attendees may choose when to arrive and how long to stay.

The public meeting is part of ongoing public outreach for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan. In 2014, previous public input showed a preference for improved walking and bicycling conditions throughout Evansville. Interested members of the public are invited to the public meeting at Eastland Mall to provide feedback on the study team's analysis and preliminary recommendations. Public comments will be incorporated into the study and will help shape the final plan. All are welcome to participate, including those who are not frequent walkers or bikers.

Bicycle and pedestrian improvements have been proven to positively impact community health, safety and economic prosperity in communities nationwide. This plan will provide a road map for Evansville to become a city where bicycling is a safe, comfortable and convenient travel option for users of all ages and abilities. The goal is for walking and bicycling to become a common, enjoyable, and viable

transportation and recreation choice that will lead to healthier lives, smarter community investments, a better environment and a brighter future for Evansville and its residents.

In addition to public meetings, interested individuals are encouraged to view material online at <a href="http://www.evansvillebikepedplan.com">http://www.evansvillebikepedplan.com</a>.

For more information regarding the public meeting or the study in general, contact Denise Johnson, executive director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, at (812) 436-4514 or Erin Schriefer, transportation planner at Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, at (812) 436-7833.